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EXAMINING GROUP 1731

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In re the Application of
R. A. GIDDINGS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/636,286

Examiner: John M. Hoffman

Filed: August 10, 2000

For: QUARTZ FUSION FURNACE AND METHOD FOR FORMING QUARTZ
ARTICLES

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 27, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 2 of this paper.